

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A computerized method for transmitting content data over a network of devices, the method configured for execution by at least one computing device, the method comprising:

receiving content data objects from each of a plurality of publishers;

storing received content data objects in a computer readable storage device;

receiving from a client device indications of selection of two or more of the content data objects;

receiving indications from the client device of payment terms and conditions for transmission of the indicated content data objects;

receiving indications from the client device of a ~~desired~~ requested format of one or more of the indicated content data objects;

storing received indications in a computer readable storage device;

initiating transfer of respective portions of a payment from a payment account associated with the client device to each of the publishers of the indicated content data objects;

transforming the one or more of the indicated content data objects from respective native formats as provided by the respective publishers to the ~~desired~~ requested format;

storing the transformed content data objects in a computer readable storage device; and

aggregating at least some of the transformed content data objects.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said initiating transfer of respective portions of the payment from the payment account associated with the client device to each of the publishers is in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the aggregated content data objects.

12 - 35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A computer coupled to one or more content provider computers operated by one or more publishers, and coupled to a client device, the computer comprising:

a processor;

a computer readable storage device configured to store one or more programs;

a first interface to define content data objects;

a second interface to select the content data objects;

a third interface to select payment terms and conditions for the transmission of selected content data objects;

a formatting program that when executed by the processor transforms one or more of the content data objects from respective native formats to a ~~desired~~ requested format;

an aggregating program that when executed by the processor aggregates the selected content data objects; and

a billing program that when executed by the processor initiates transfer of portions of a payment from a payment account to each of the publishers of the selected content data objects in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the aggregated content data objects.

37 - 40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising;

transforming one or more of the indicated content data objects from respective native formats to the ~~desired~~ requested format according to a type of client device accessing the content data objects that were selected.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein said initiating transfer includes determining the portion of the payment due to the respective publisher depending upon a type of the indicated content data objects that were contributed by the publisher.

43. (Cancelled)

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the content data objects comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the content data objects comprise automatically generated content data objects from an embedded computing device.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) The computer of claim 36 wherein the formatting program transforms one or more of the selected content data objects from respective native formats to the ~~desired~~ requested format according to a type of a client device accessing the selected content data objects.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 36 wherein the billing program determines the portion of the payments due to respective publishers of the selected content data objects depending upon the types of the selected content data objects that were contributed by the publishers.

49. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 36 wherein the selected content data objects comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.

50 – 55 (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) A computing device for transmitting content data over a network, the computing device comprising:

a processor configured to execute one or more programs;

a computer readable storage device configured to store one or more programs;

a first interface for defining content data objects;

a second interface for selecting some of the content data objects;

a third interface for selecting payment terms and conditions;

a billing program that initiates transfer of portions of a payment from a payment account associated with a client device to each of one or more publishers of the selected content data objects;

a format program that transforms one or more of the selected content data objects from respective native formats to a ~~desired~~ requested format; and

an aggregating program that aggregates the selected content data objects.

57. (Previously Presented) The computing device of claim 56 wherein the billing program initiates transfer of portions of the payment to the publishers in accordance to respective contributed portions of the selected content data objects.

58. (Cancelled)

59. (Currently Amended) The computing device of claim 56 wherein the format program transforms the format of one or more of the selected content data objects from the respective native formats to a ~~desired~~ requested format according to a type of a client device accessing the selected content data objects.

60. (Previously Presented) The computing device of claim 56 wherein the billing program determines the portion of the payments due to the publishers of the selected content data objects depending upon the types of the selected content data objects that were contributed by the respective publishers.

61. (Currently Amended) The computing device of claim 56 ~~[[58]]~~ wherein the selected content data objects comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.

62. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein said initiating transfer includes determining the portion of the payment due to the publishers depending on at least the ~~desired~~ requested format of the indicated content data object contributed by respective publishers.

63. (Currently Amended) A computing device comprising:

- a publication module configured to receiving content data objects from each of a plurality of publishers;

- a content selection module configured to receive indications of two or more of the content data objects;

- a format selection module configured to receive indications of a ~~desired~~ requested format;

- means for transforming one or more of the indicated content data objects from respective native formats as provided by the publishers to the ~~desired~~ requested format;
- and

- means for aggregating the transformed content data objects.

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64. (Previously Presented) The computing device of Claim 63, further comprising means for determining portions of a payment due to the publishers in accordance with respective contributed proportions of the indicated content data objects.

65. (Currently Amended) The computing device of Claim 64, further comprising means for determining portions of a payment due to the publishers depending on the ~~desired~~ requested format of the indicated content data objects provided by respective publishers.